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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS - PROPOSED RELEASE OF DETAINEES

REF: JAKARTA 15170.

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO BE REPRESENTED AT PROPOSED FUNCTION PROVIDED AT LEAST TWO OF OTHER FOUR INVITEES (AUSTRALIA, FRG, NETHERLANDS, UK) WILL ALSO ATTEND. LEVEL OF U.S. ATTENDANCE SHOULD ALSO BE KEYED TO THE OTHERS; UNLESS AMBASSADOR PERCEIVES OBJECTION, HE MAY HIMSELF ATTEND IF AT LEAST ONE OTHER CHIEF OF MISSION ALSO ATTENDS. IF NO OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION WILL BE PRESENT, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD EQUATE WITH HIGHEST LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OTHER FOUR.

2. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUDOMO'S
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PROPOSED FUNCTION THAT YOU FIND OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO

HIM, EITHER AT CEREMONY OR BEFOREHAND, FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE ARE PLEASED AT RELEASE OF 2,500 DETAINEES AND SEE IT AS A SUBSTANTIAL STEP TOWARD RESOLVING THIS SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM; (B) WE HOPE THIS WILL MARK BEGINNING OF ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF RELEASE OF CLASS B PRISONERS AS FORECAST BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN HIS AUGUST 16 SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT. WE WOULD EXPECT TO RESPOND ALONG THESE LINES TO PRESS QUERIES ABOUT OUR PARTICIPATION IN RELEASE CEREMONY.

3. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED QUERY FROM JAKARTA REGARDING U.S. VIEWS ON ATTENDANCE. BRITISH TELL US THEY ARE INCLINING TOWARD SAME SOLUTION AS OURS, I.E., ATTEND IF AT LEAST TWO OF OTHER FOUR INVITEES DO SO. ROBINSON

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